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**NOTIFICATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

The Certificate of Correction requested in the patent identified above has been APPROVED with the exception indicated below. The remaining errors will be corrected as requested. The Certificate, so modified, will be issued on 6-16-98.

**A. THE CHANGES BELOW CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CERTIFICATE SINCE THE REQUEST WAS FILED UNDER RULE 322:**

1. On the title page, item [54] the title, is printed in accordance with the record.  
 (a) The change referred to was initialed and dated by applicant before execution of the application papers.

2. In column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, the error resulted from applicant's failure to comply with Rule 121(a), in that the precise point of entry of the amendment was omitted.

3. In column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, the alleged error is due to applicant's failure to comply with Rule 121(b), wherein provision is made for use of brackets, instead of parentheses, to cancel subject matter and for the use of interlineations to indicate new subject matter.

4. Omission of the priority data from the patent resulted from applicant's failure to fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 119, in that:  
 (a) The priority data was omitted from the oath, or declaration  
 (b) The claim for priority was not included in the application papers.  
 (c) The certified copy of the foreign application was not filed.

5. Since, the inventor name(s) is/are printed in accordance with the type written signature, no correction is in order here, unless a petition is granted (See Petition filing information below).

6. The assignment data is printed in the patent in accordance with PTO-85b, submitted by applicant at time of payment of the base issue fee, no correction is in order here, unless a petition is granted (See Petition filing information below).

Any petition should be directed to the attention of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, using the following mailing address or FAX number.

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7. In column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, the error arose because Rule 1.52(a) or 1.52(b) was not complied with. Consequently, words on top of certain pages were obliterated or not legible causing the Office to provide what appeared to be the proper words.

**B. THE REQUEST HAS BEEN CHANGED AS SHOWN BELOW TO COMPLY WITH THE RECORD:**

1. The error complained of in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, occurred in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, where the changes will be made.  
 2. The changes requested, has been modified by changing the correction to read as follows:

**C. THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION(S) CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE REASONS GIVEN BELOW:**

1. The word \_\_\_\_\_, purported to be in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, cannot be found in the printed patent.
2. The alleged error in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, is an editing change made in accordance with the style of the Invention Patent Manual.
3. In column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, the alleged error is in fact a change made by the examiner and considered to be in accordance with the permissible amendments enumerated in M.P.E.P. 1302.04.
4. In the title, it is the practice to exclude words such as "Improvements in", "New", "A", "Novel", etc., from the printed patent.
5. Comparison of the patent in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, with the corresponding location in the application file reveals that there is no discrepancy.
6. The numbering of the claims and their dependency in the printed patent is in accordance with the renumbering of dependent claims by the examiner as described in M.P.E.P.608.01(n).
7. The alleged error in column \_\_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_\_, is a change made in an Examiner's Amendment at time of allowance. Since no error is involved and since applicant filed no objection prior to payment of the base issue fee, the requested change will not be included in the Certificate.
8. The error complained of in \_\_\_\_\_, cannot be corrected since:

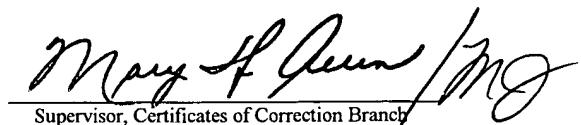
**D. ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS:**

**E. OTHER (Fee not enclosed):**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS NOTIFICATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**WITHIN 4 WEEKS FROM MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTIFICATION**

  
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Supervisor, Certificates of Correction Branch

This decision is rendered pursuant to authority delegated by the Solicitor under authority delegated to him by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.